

REMARKS

The present amendment is being submitted in order to correct the claims so as to read as to what the undersigned believed was agreed to with the Examiner during a telephone interview on October 2, 2003.

The undersigned believed that they had agreed to amend claim 6 to read as presently presented since one wanted to present an agent containing the protein of claim 14. Claim 6 as amended by the Examiner no longer refers to an agent which is intended by Applicants and is no longer directed to a claim but, rather, a statement. Therefore, it is believed that claim 6 as amended by the Examiner is inaccurate.

With respect to claim 14, the claim as amended by the Examiner was not grammatically correct but, rather, read as "A monomer protein MP52 protein" which is redundant. The present claim removes this redundancy. Therefore, entry of the amendment is believed proper and does not raise any new issues.

Respectfully submitted,
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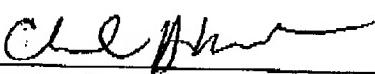

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